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The communication filed on October 27, 2003 presents claims which are not in compliance with revised 37 CFR 1.121; and therefore, this communication is not deemed to be responsive to the Office action dated September 25, 2003. In the above noted communication, Applicant lists claims 1-30 with the identifier "original" and presents what appears to be the original text of these claims. It is noted, however, that Applicant submitted an amendment on June 18, 2003, which amendment made significant changes to claims 1, 4, 5, 8, 9, 12, 14, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 24, 28, 29 and 30. For example, the following changes were made to claim 1: in line 3, "significantly" was deleted; in line 5, "suitably" (first occurrence) was changed to "the liquid fresh feedstream being effectively" and "suitably" (second occurrence) was changed to "effectively"; in line 9, "suitably" was deleted and "acceptable" was changed to "effective"; in line 13, "the" was changed to "at least one"; in lines 13-14, "and the same if more than one adsorber vessel" was deleted; etc. Accordingly, the communication filed on October 27, 2003 incorrectly identifies the status of claims 1, 4, 5, 8, 9, 12, 14, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 24, 28, 29 and 30; and presents an incorrect text for these claims. Furthermore, it is noted that claims 5 and 6 contain an underlining mark for a space between two words (i.e. between "numbers" and "and" in line 2 of claim 5; and between "numbers" and "with" in line 2 of claim 6). This marking is not understood, since a space has always been present between these words in both the originally filed claims and the claims presented in the amendment filed June 18, 2003.


Since the above noted communication appears to be *bona fide*, Applicant is given **ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS** from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment of the application. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).

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Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to I. Cintins whose telephone number is (571) 272-1155. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday from 8:30 AM to 5:00 PM. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Mr. Blaine Copenheaver, can be reached at (571) 272-1156.

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Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application should be directed to the Group receptionist whose telephone number is (571) 272-0987.

  
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